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Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following paragraph into the specification on page 1 immediately below the title.

Related Applications

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/115,027, filed July 14, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,242,589, which is incorporated herein in its entirety.

Please amend the paragraph at page 6, lines 2-9 as shown below.

Figures 1 and 2 each show a table and a bar graph summarizing properties and inhibition responses for oligonucleotides specifically hybridizable with the activated H-ras gene or scrambled controls (SEQ ID NOs. 6-17 as identified in the Figures). The tables show the nucleobase composition and chemistry at each position along the length of the oligonucleotides. The bar graphs summarize the dose response inhibition of H-ras mRNA in T-24 cells for each of the tested doses of the oligonucleotides.